

Chapter 8

1. The feuenth feale being opened, there appeare Angels with trompets: 6. and when an other Angel powred out fire taken from the altar, vpon the earth, there follow diuers tempeftes. 7. In like manner, whiles foure Angels of the feuen found their trompets, there fal fundrie plagues.

And when he had opened the feuenth feale, there was made filence in heauen, as it were halfe an houre. ² And I faw feuen Angels ftanding in the fight of God: and there were giuen to them feuen trompets. ³ And another Angel came and ftood ^abefore the altar, hauing a golden cenfar: and there were giuen to him many incenfes that he fhould giue of the praiers of al Saints vpon the altar of gold, which is before the throne of God. ⁴ And the fmoke of the incenfes ^dof the praiers of the Saints afcended from the hand of the Angel before God. ⁵ And the Angel tooke the cenfar, & filled it of the fire of the altar, and caft it on the earth, and there were made thunders & voices & lightnings, and a great earth-quake. ⁶ And the feuen Angels which had the feuen trompets, prepared themfelues to found with the trompet.

THE 4. VISION

⁷ And the firft Angel founded with the trompet, and there was made haile and fire, mingled in bloud, and it was caft on the earth, and the third part of the earth was burnt, & the third part of trees was burnt, and al green graffe was burnt.

⁸ And the fecond Angel founded with the trump: and as it were a great moûtaine burning with fire, was caft into the fea, & the third part of the fea was made bloud: ⁹ and the third part of thofe creatures died, which had liues in the fea, and the third part of the fhips perished.

^a The Priett ftanding at the altar praying & offering for the people in the time of the high myfteries, Chrift himfelf alfo being prefent vpon the altar, is a figure of this thing, & thereunto he alludeth.

¹⁰ And the third Angel founded with the trompet, and a great ftarre fel from heauen, burning as it were a torch, and it fel on the third part of the flouds, and on the fountaines of waters: ¹¹ and the name of the ftarre is called worme-wood. And the third part of the waters was made into worme-wood: and many men died of the waters, becaufe they were made bitter.

¹² And the fourth Angel founded with the trumpet, and the third part of the funne was fmitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the ftarres, fo that the third part of them was darkned, and of the day there shined not the third part, and of the night in like manner. ¹³ And I looked, and heard the voice of one egle flying through the middes of heauẽ, faying with a loud voice: Woe, woe, woe to the inhabiters on the earth: becaufe of the reft of the voices of the three Angels which were to found with the trompet.

ANNOTATIONS

4 The praiers of the Saints) If this be S. Michael or any Angel, and not Chrifft himfelf, as fome take it, Angels offer vp the praiers of the faithful, as the 24. Elders did *c. 5.* for this word, *Saints*, is taken here for the holy perfõs on earth, as oftẽ in the Scripture: though it be not againft the Scriptures, that the inferiour Saint or Angel in heauen should offer their praiers to God by their fuperiours there. But hereby we conclude agaift the Proteftants, that it derogateth not from Chrifft, that Angels or Saints offer our praiers to God, as alfo it is plaine of Raphael. *Tob. 12, 12.*